

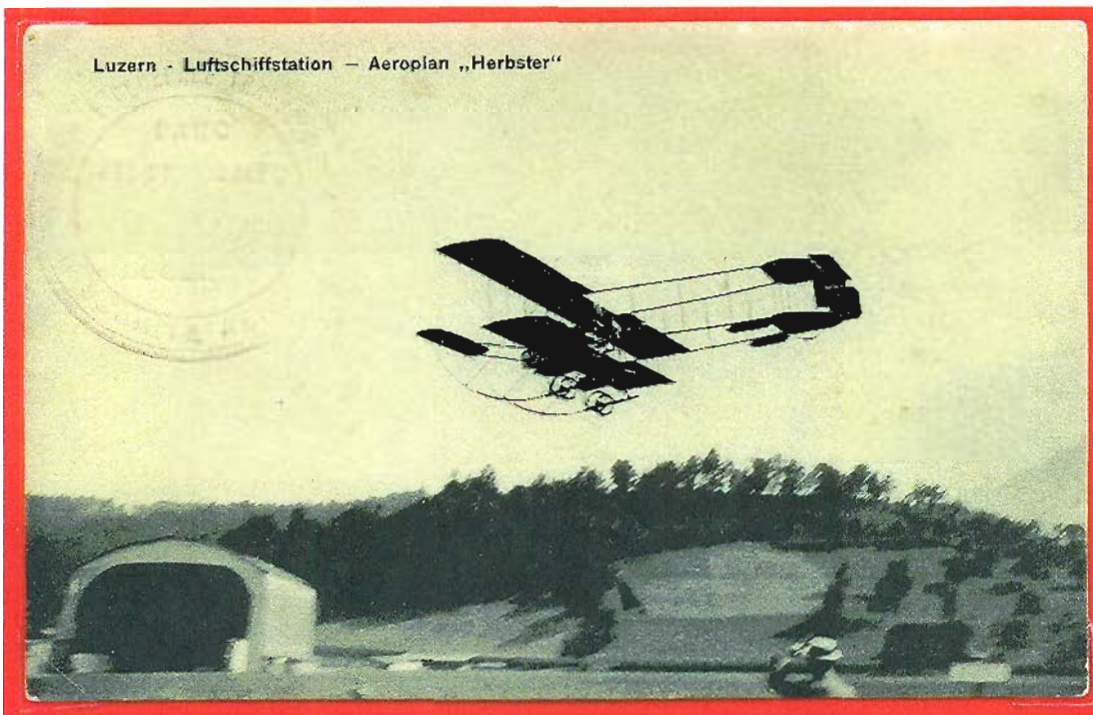
Swiss Airmail up to 1939

The development of the Swiss airmail system is a fascinating story. The 1913 Flugspende was a unique chapter, and the quiet period following the 1919 service was unusual. The main thrust started in 1923, and its documentation is the objective of most of this exhibit.

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Especially significant items are matted in red – a good Swiss color!



Relstab certificate

1911: Gathering Momentum

This card shows how primitive the planes were in 1911. The card was printed for "Flugsaison Luzern," and shows Maurice Herbster and his plane. The card also carries a rubber stamp of the Parc des Dirigeables of Luzern.

Huge advances in airplanes between 1911 and 1913 made possible the idea of a role for military aviation, and the mail-carrying flights of 1913, which are the subject of the next section.